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1. In late January 1954, the USSR placed a purchasing order with VEB Optik Carl Zeiss, Jena, via DIA for 748,000 spectacle lenses (Punktal Glaeser) subdivided for the various optometric corrections. Delivery of these lenses is to be made in 1954.
 2. In March 1954, negotiations were in progress with DIA for an additional 1,000,000 Punktal lenses, also to be delivered to the USSR within calendar year 1954. Part of the order is to be supplied by Zeiss, the remainder by VEB Rathenower Optische Werke (ROW). ROW advised DIA that it would not be able to supply the lenses requested unless its 1954 production plan is materially changed.
 3. The USSR Trade Delegation furthermore advised that it is interested in placing an order for about 3,000,000 Punktal lenses for delivery in 1955, and another 3,000,000 for delivery in 1956.

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